

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1. – 5. (canceled)
6. (new): A component supplying device comprising:
  - a tape reel;
  - a tape reel holder in which the tape reel is detachably positioned;
  - a cutting device provided in the component supplying device; and
  - a tape supplying and discharging device configured to transport tape from the tape reel to the cutting device.
7. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 6, further comprising:
  - a cylinder; and
  - a piston that is reciprocally displaceable in the cylinder,wherein the cutting device comprises a knife that is displaceable by means of the piston.
8. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 7, wherein the cylinder is a pneumatic cylinder.
9. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 7, wherein the piston-cylinder combination extends at an angle to a displacement direction of the knife.
10. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 7, further comprising:
  - a transmission located between the piston-cylinder combination and the knife.
11. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 10, wherein the transmission comprises an element that is pivotable about an axis of rotation.

12. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 11, wherein an end of the knife and an end of the piston are fastened to the element such that the knife and the piston are separately pivotable about axis.

13. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 12, wherein the element comprises a first link connected to the end of piston and a second link connected to the end of the knife.

14. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 13, wherein the first link is substantially perpendicular to the second link.

15. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 13, wherein the first and second links are joined at the axis of rotation.

16. (new): A component supplying device comprising:  
a tape reel;  
a tape reel holder in which the tape reel is detachably positioned;  
a cylinder;  
a piston that is reciprocally displaceable in the cylinder;  
a cutting device provided in the component supplying device, the cutting device comprising a knife that is displaceable by means of the piston; and  
a tape supplying and discharging device configured to transport tape from the tape reel to the cutting device.

17. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 16, wherein the cylinder is a pneumatic cylinder.

18. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 16, wherein the piston-cylinder combination extends at an angle to a displacement direction of the knife.

19. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 16, further comprising:

a transmission located between the piston-cylinder combination and the knife.

20. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 19, wherein the transmission comprises an element that is pivotable about an axis of rotation.

21. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 20, wherein an end of the knife and an end of the piston are fastened to the element such that the knife and the piston are separately pivotable about axis.

22. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 21, wherein the element comprises a first link connected to the end of piston and a second link connected to the end of the knife.

23. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 22, wherein the first link is substantially perpendicular to the second link.

24. (new): The component supplying device according to claim 22, wherein the first and second links are joined at the axis of rotation.